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SUBJECT: SUGAR: MEXICAN STATISTICS FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. FOLLOWING STATISTICS TRANSMITTED FOR HEARINGS BEFORE  
CHAIRMAN FOLEY OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AS  
REQUESTED REFTEL:

(A) CURRENT COST OF PRODUCTION FOR RAW SUGAR IN US CENTS  
PER POUND, EX-MILL IN MEXICO: 1.5 (ESTIMATE)

(B) CURRENT RETAIL PRICE FOR REFINED SUGAR IN MEXICO IN  
US CENTS PER POUND: 8.4

(C) UNIT VALUE FOR SUGAR EXPORTS IN 1974 IN US CENTS PER  
POUNC: 20.4

(D) PROJECTED RAW SUGAR PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS (IN MILLIONS  
OF METRIC TONS) BY YEAR, BETWEEN 1975 AND 1980: 2.7, 2.9,  
3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7.

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(E) THREE NEW MILLS HAVE BEEN INAUGURATED RECENTLY AND PLANS

CALL FOR ANOTHER SEVEN WHOSE CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THEIR INDIVIDUAL DAILY PRODUCTION OUTPUT IS ESTIMATED AT AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN THOUSAND METRIC TONS.

(F) ESTIMATED GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IS FIVE PERCENT (FOR 1975 FIGURES WILL SHOW AN 8-10 PERCENT INCREASE IN "DOMESTIC" CONSUMPTION DUE TO CONTRABAND).

(G) NEITHER GOM NOR LOCAL INDUSTRY HAS ENTERED INTO ANY SHORT OR LONG-TERM COMMITMENT AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

(H) FIFTY PERCENT OF TOTAL SUGAR PRODUCTION IS IN THE HANDS OF ONISA (NATIONAL SUGAR MILL ORGANIZATION), A PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISE, WHILE BALANCE IS IN PRIVATE SECTOR. DOMESTIC SALES ARE HANDLED ONLY BY UNPASA. EACH MILL IS PAID ON THE BASIS OF PRODUCTION OUTPUT. CEILING PRICES ARE SET BY SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FOR DOMESTIC SALES, WHILE EXPORT PRICES ARE SET BY WORLD MARKET CONDITIONS. JOVA

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